months (16th April, 1986 to 15th July, 1986) are as under:

Crime Head	No. of cases
Robbery	46
Dacoity	2

(b) The total loss of life and property in cases of roberry and dacoity reported during the period from 16-4-1986 to 15-7-1986 are as under:—

Loss of life	No of cases
Robbery	2
Dacoity	2

Loss of property	
Robbery	Rs. 6,63,019
Dacoity	Rs. 3,700

(c) A number of steps have been taken by Delhi Police to control crime such as increased foot and mobile patrolling, intensive checking of hotels and guest houses, posting of pickets at vulnerable places, action against bad characters and known criminals, vigilance at crowded places, initiating externment proceedings, appointment of Specia] Police officers and Inter State/Inter District crime review meetings.

Clearing of rivers in South India

970. PROF. C- LAKSHMANNA f Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleas-ed to state what are the rivers in South India for which cleaning and purification operations are likely to be taken up on the pattern of Ganga Action Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE JN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): Presently, no plan on the pattern of Ganga Action Plan is envisaged for the rivers in the South India. However, river basin-wise studies and river water quality monitoring for Krishna and Kaveri have been undertaken.

Reviewing: of zonal councils

971. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a)' whether Government's attention has been drawn to the article 'Need to review Zonal Councils' by A.G. Noorani appearing in the "Indian Express' ol' July 11, 1986;

(b) what are the contents of Mw recent letter from the Zonal Council Secretariat which is alleged to have flouted the basic postulates of the definition of the functions of the Aet;

- (c) how many times the Southern Zonal Council has been convened since its inception, the reasons for which no meeting for the last one year has been held; and

(d) what steps have been taken so far on the Government's announced decision five years ago to activies the Zonal Councils with a view to realizing their full potential as meaningful instruments of inter-State cooperation and understanding?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Government have seen the article which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of July 11, 1986.

(b) The Zonal Council Secretariat have not issued any such letter.

(c) IS meetings of the Southerm Zonal Council have been held ainee its inception in 1957. The next meeting of the Council is expected to be held shortly.